

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to a medical device, classified in class 623, subclass 1.15.

Group II: Claims 16-35, drawn to a system for coating a medical device, classified in class 118, subclass 416.

The Examiner further requires election of a species from each of the following species sets:

Species Set 1 (depression shapes)

- W. Figure 5A
- X. Figure 5B
- Y. Figure 5C
- Z. Figure 5D

Species Set 2 (coating systems)

- A. Figures 8A to 8C
- B. Figures 9A and 9B
- C. Figure 9C
- D. Figure 9D
- E. Figure 9E
- F. Figure 10
- G. Figure 11
- H. Figure 13
- J. Figures 14A to 14D.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group II, the subject matter of claims 16-35.

Applicants also elect to prosecute Species B (Figures 9A and 9B) from Species Set 2 in this application. It is believed that claims 22-30 are readable on elected Species B.

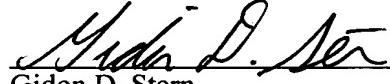
It is noted that Species Set 1 is directed to medical devices, a non-elected invention. However, in order to be responsive, Applicants elect Species W (Figure 5A) from Species Set 1. It is believed that claims 1-15 are readable on elected Species W.

Applicants fully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more related applications. Also, Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration and allowance of the non-elected claims that include all the recitations of the allowed generic claim.

Applicants respectfully request that the above remarks be entered and made of record
in the file history of the instant application.

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